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SUBJ: JOINT U.S.-AUSTRALIAN NARCOTIC TRAINING TEAMS

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1. DURING THE WEEK OF 14 AUG 78, OPNS OFF. MONROE MET WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF FBN, HARVEY BATES, AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED JOINT US-AUSTRALIAN TRAINING TEAM FOR THE MELANESIA AREA.
2. THERE IS A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST BY THE FBN IN THIS PROGRAM, AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR COOPERATION AND EXTENSIVE COORDINATION. BATES STATES ONLY BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS WOULD PREVENT PARTICIPATION, BUT IS NOT LIKELY AT THIS TIME.
3. FBN SUGGESTS VENUE OF TNG TO BE PORT MORESBY, WITH
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REPRESENTATIVE OFFICERS FROM PNG, FIJI AND THE SOLOMONS.

4. IDEALLY, TWO 2-WK ENF TNG PROGRAMS, PLUS ONE WEEK OF INSTR. DEV., SHOULD BE PLANNED. THE FIRST ENF TNG PROGRAM WOULD COMPRISE MGT PERSONNEL, WHO THEN WOULD ADVANCE TO INSTR. DEV. (FBN AGREED TO CONDUCT THIS COURSE). THE SECOND PROGRAM WOULD CONSIST OF LINE OFFICERS.

5. ON 17-18 AUG 78, MONROE WAS IN MELBOURNE (AIR TRANSP. COURTESY OF FBN) TO CONFER WITH TWO OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN A TNG CAPACITY IN PNG. BOTH AGREE TNG IS NEEDED. BASED UPON A REVIEW OF USC COURSE OUTLINES AND THEIR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF AREA NEED, THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUGGESTED COURSE CONTENT: MAINTAIN ALL SUBJECTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NR'S 108, 112 AND 206. ADD COURSES ON LT AIRCRAFT SEARCH, DEV INFORMANTS, PAX INTERVIEWING TECH, FOOT AND VEH SURVEILLANCE.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF SUBJECTS TO AUST-US TRAINERS WILL BE DONE AT A LATER DATE. THE AUSTRALIA CONTINGENT WILL CONSIST OF ONE FBN AND ONE CUSTOMS SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER. THE FBN OFF WILL MOST LIKELY BE RAY PHILLIPS WHO, ON 29 AUG, WILL RETURN TO SYDNEY FROM THE DEA SCHOOL. HARVEY BATES RECOMMENDED MONROE MEET WITH PHILLIPS IN SYDNEY TO DISCUSS COURSE CONTENT AND ASSIGNMENT. HENCE, MONROE HAS CHANGED HIS ITIN TO READ: DPT SYD 1500 HRS ON 1 SEP 78 VIA PA 816; ARR LAX 1120 HRS ON 1 SEP; DPT LAX 1250 HRS ON 1 SEP VIA VA 54; ARR IAD 2055 HRS. ON 1 SEP. PLS ACK VIA AMEMBASSY, PORT MORESBY.
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